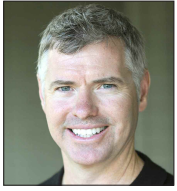


HOUSING AWARDS

Home of the year goes to . . .



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Valley Views

A contemporary, ski chalet mansion at Big White Ski Resort called Snowpeaks Lodge was named home of the year at the recent Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence.

The awards, previously known as the Thompson Okanagan Housing Awards or Tommies, also bestowed Snowpeaks' builder, Kelowna-based Wenerger Construction, with three other accolades for Snowpeaks.

They are: best single-family, detached home worth \$3-\$5 million, best room for the triple-height, massive-windowed great room and best interior design (new home) in conjunction with project partner Linda Trenholm Design.

Snowpeaks Lodge looks like a ski chalet with its peaked roof and ample use of wood and stone building materials.

However, it gets its modern flair with floor-to-ceiling windows, incredible energy efficiency and prime location overlooking a ski run and mountains.

The home comfortably sleeps 15 and was built for a family that's owned property at Big White since 2003.

The awards also handed out trophies in 37 other categories:

- single-family home builder of the year: Pars Custom Homes
- multi-family home builder of the year: Harmony Homes

- renovator of the year: Ian Paine Construction

- home worth \$350,000 to \$500,000: Edgehill Development for Century Heights

- home worth \$500,001 to \$750,000: Sunterra Custom Homes for Glass Box

- home worth \$750,001 to \$1 million: Gibson Contracting for Gibson's lakeshore showhome

- home worth \$1 to \$1.5 million: Gibson Contracting for Lakestone Modern

- home worth \$1.5 to \$2 million: Sunterra Custom Homes for Granite Road

- home worth \$2 to \$3 million: Gibson Contracting for Black Mountain Modern

- home worth over \$5 million: Okanagan Dream Builders for Raven

- semi-detached or townhouse: Harmony Homes for Raymer Renewal

- low-rise, multi-family: Edgecombe Builders for Sole KLO

- urban infill: Harmony Homes for Modern Family Farmhouse

- show home less than \$500,000: Dilworth Quality Homes for Sunrise Pointe

- show home more than \$500,000: Pars Custom Homes for La Galeria

- decorating and styling: Fresh Approach Designs for Luxury Beach House

- renovation under \$100,000: Creative Touch Interiors for Renewed for the Next Generation

- renovation \$100,000 to \$250,000: Willow Development for the Nohr residence

- renovation \$250,001 to \$500,000: Ian Paine Construction for a McKinley residence

- renovation over \$500,000: Edgecombe Builders for Summerland Timberframe

- new kitchen under \$70,000: Bellamy Homes for Piccolo Grande

- kitchen renovation under \$75,000: Ian Paine Construction for a McKinley residence

- new kitchen over \$70,000: Sunterra Custom Homes for Granite Road

- kitchen renovation \$75,001 to \$150,000: Norelco Cabinet Solutions for the Wesszer home

- kitchen renovation over \$150,000: My House Design for Skaha Vista

- new master suite: Sunterra Custom Homes for The View

- renovation master suite: Marvel Pro Contracting for Luxury Masculine Retreat

- renovation interior design: Ian Paine Construction for a McKinley residence

- bathroom renovation under \$40,000: Ian Paine Construction for a McKinley residence

- bathroom renovation over \$40,000: Ian Paine Construction for a Sheerwater residence

- outdoor living space: Sunterra Custom Homes for Granite Road

- interior feature or innovation: Okanagan Dream Builders for spiral staircase in Raven

- environmental initiative: Bercum Builders for Heirloom Shores

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- innovative construction/architecture/design: Kelly Benedet Homes for Traders Cove

- public or private partnership: B.C. Housing for the Rise on Nanaimo (Penticton)

- marketing: Macdonald Lakeshore Properties

"This year the projects were nothing short of outstanding as the judges said they were absolutely blown away," said Cassidy deVeer, president of the Central Okanagan branch of the Canadian Home Builders' Association, which organizes the awards.

"This is not standard in Canada. (The Central Okanagan branch) is truly leading the way in housing innovation."

Fight plastic

Eliminate problem plastic packaging.

Switch from single-use plastic to reusable alternatives.

Move toward 100% of plastic packaging to be reusable, recyclable or compostable.

Take action and invest to



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The Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association has joined the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative, which is calling for action on plastic pollution.



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Snowpeaks Lodge at Big White Ski Resort, built by Wenerger Construction, was named home of the year and best single-family, detached home worth \$3-\$5 million at the recent Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence.



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Wenerger Construction also won two other excellence awards — best room for the great room at Snowpeaks Lodge and best interior design for Sunpeaks.



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The gang from Vernon-based Sunterra Custom Homes won five Okanagan Housing Awards of Excellence.

increase the amount of plastic recycled and composted.

Report publicly and annual on progress.

These are the 2025 goals of the Global Tourism Plastics Initiative, a collaboration of the World Tourism Organization, United Nations Environmental Programme and Ellen MacArthur Foundation.

The Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association has committed to the initiative and is urging local tourism businesses, and all local businesses, to join, too.

Find out more at OnePlanetNetwork.org.

Westside chamber

PostNet West Kelowna owner Craig Garries is back for a second term as president of the Greater Westside Board of Trade.

He wants to hear from members

about what the board's priorities should be for 2020.

See the link to the two-minute Constant Contact survey at GWBoardOfTrade.com.

Garries is joined on the 2020 board by:

- vice-president: Calvin Barr, Luxury Lake Tours and Ever-Clear Window Cleaning

- second vice-president: Amber Hall, Telus

- treasurer: Sarah Sabo, Aries Accounting

- secretary: Ray Kandola, City Furniture

- Andrea East, Pushor Mitchell Lawyers

- Julie Pringle, Snap Commercial Photography

- Sean Shepherd, Nucleus Strategies

- Ed Stephens, West Kelowna Daybreak Rotary

- Carmen Weld, BC Cancer Foundation

- James Carmichael, Westbank First Nation Economic Development Commission
- John Parrott, City of West Kelowna

Rise Awards

Wednesday is the deadline to submit nominations for the Kelowna Women in Business' woman of the year and change maker Rise Awards.

While Kelowna Women in business is 27 years old, the Rise Awards are new.

Until Feb. 5 you can nominate worthy women in the woman of the year and change maker categories at KWIB.org.

Winners will be announced at the Rise Awards gala March 18 at the Coast Capri Hotel.

The guest speakers at the dinner and awards will be Royal Bank Women of Influence Momentum Award winner Allison Grafton, CEO of Calgary-based Rockwood Custom Homes; Business Development Bank of Canada woman entrepreneurs lead Laura Didyk; and CBC Radio One host Chris Walker.

Ticket information also at KWIB.org.

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Allison Grafton, Royal Bank Women of Influence Momentum Award winner and CEO of Calgary-based Rockwood Custom Homes, will be the guest speaker at the March 18th Kelowna Women in Business Awards.



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The 2020 board of the Greater Westside Board of Trade is made up of Julie Pringle, left, Ed Stephens, Ray Kandola, Sarah Sabo, Calvin Barr, Carmen Weld, Andrea East, Amber Hall, Craig Garries (president) and Sean Shepherd.